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STS-117 crew rehearses launch process

◆ **Shuttle Update:** On Wednesday, STS-117 astronauts arrived at the Kennedy Space Center for a launch dress rehearsal, known as the terminal countdown demonstration test. The rehearsal, which ends Friday, includes various simulated countdown activities, including equipment familiarization and emergency egress training. The crew includes Commander Rick Sturckow, Pilot Lee Archambault and Mission Specialists Jim Reilly, Patrick Forrester, Steven Swanson and John Olivas. By viewing NASA TV, employees can watch replays of the crew responding to media questions from Launch Pad 39A this morning. For downlink information, schedules and links to streaming video, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>. For information about the STS-117 mission and crew, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/shuttle>.

◆ **KSC All American Picnic:** The picnic is March 10 at KARS Park II. Tickets are on sale through March 9 at *Sundry stores* in the HQ, O&C, OSB and SSPF buildings; the *KARS Country Store*; *Hangar 1 Annex/Room 210* (see Gladys Morales); and the *NSLD2, Cube 649* (see Debbie Doyle). Tickets cost \$7 per adult age 13 and older and \$4 per child age 3 to 12. Children under age 3 may attend free. Tickets bought after 3 p.m. March 7 will increase to \$9 and \$6 respectively. For information, please go to <http://ksepicnic.ksc.nasa.gov/>.

■ **Women And Heart Health** — Most people do not know that the signs and symptoms of a heart attack are different between men and women. Did you know:

- ◆ **8,000,000** American women are currently living with heart disease: 10 percent of these women are between the age 45-64 and 25 percent are age 65 and over.
- ◆ **435,000** American women have heart attacks each year: 83,000 are under age 65 and 9,000 are under age 45.
- ◆ Each year, about **1.4 million** people are admitted to the hospital with unstable angina. About half of all unstable angina patients are women.

In the HQ Training Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Debbie Whitable, RN, manager of Cardiac Rehab at Wuesthoff Medical Center in Rockledge, will discuss the very important issue of women and heart health. For more information, please contact Lauren Ratner at 867-4566 or e-mail Lauren.ratner@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov.

■ **Education Opportunity** — Barry University is currently registering for its spring B semester beginning on March 10. Degree programs offered include bachelor's degrees in information technology (specializations in software engineering and information systems), professional

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administration, public administration, liberal studies (specialization in psychology) as well the Master of Science in information technology (online) and the Master of Arts in administration (beginning fall 2007).

Barry offers five eight-week terms per year with classes scheduled in the evenings and weekends at two convenient locations in Merritt Island and Melbourne. Students may also be eligible to earn up to 30 credits toward their degrees from work experience through the portfolio program.

For more information, please visit www.barry.edu/ace, e-mail lgrant@mail.barry.edu, or call 321-453-6253 (Merritt Island) or 321-409-5553 (Melbourne). There is still time to enroll for next semester!

■ **Debus Award Entries** — The National Space Club's Florida Committee is accepting nominations for the Dr. Kurt H. Debus Award, for significant contributions to the advancement, awareness and improvement of aerospace in Florida. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, Florida residents at the time of entry and aerospace professionals. Mail written nominations to: National Space Club Florida Committee, P.O. Box 21243, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815, Attention: Debus Award Selection Committee. ■

■ **Did You Know?** Daylight-saving time begins March 11 this year.